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## AGITATE-EDUCATE-ORGANIZE-FIGHT FOR THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

### THE VANCOUVER STRIKE

BUILDING TRADES STRIKE STILL ON IN VANCOUVER, B. C.—MASTERS WANT PEACE—SOME CRAFTS TURNED DOWN BY INTER-NATIONALS.

The Industrial Peace Association in Vancouver is trying to do its part toward getting the men to go back to work in the building industry here. This association is somewhat along the lines of the Civic Federation, inasmuch as it is a disinterested organization interested in settling the strike. How it can be disinterested and composed of business men whose business depends upon labor exploitation, no one seems to know. The organization is supposedly composed of those who are not building employers and who are not union men. From that I suppose they must be pinks and jeans, only the capitalist press assures us that these men are "peaceful and respectable business men who wish to promote peace and happiness." We know for whom the "peace and happiness" is intended.

The strike situation is still the same as last week. The building contractors are unable to take more contracts and afraid to even bid on them because of the uncertainty (to them) of the strike. There are millions of dollars in contracts to be let and no one to take them, says the dope sheet.

The press of the bosses in other cities are advertising that the strike is over and that men are wanted. The result is that many union men have come here, only to find the strike still on. These are fellows who are broke. The unions here have had to either take care of this extra burden or raise money and send them back. Why in hell can't the crafts of other cities at least keep their own members posted on what is going on? But that is craft division.

The local glass workers, also on strike, have practically been abandoned by their general organization. Six telegrams have been sent from here calling for aid, by the glass workers to their general officers. But up to date with the strike on for a month, there has been no answer or notice taken. If the workers telegraphed that they had money to send there would be an answer quick enough. Many of these same men are thoroughly disgusted with craft division and are beginning to study industrial unionism.

The police, as usual, is being used to watch the pickets instead of thieves, pickpockets, hold-up men, forgers and the like. A fellow who started in with considerable business acumen to collect funds under false pretense of aiding the strikers, was not stopped by the police until the unions got busy. Then "accidentally" the fellow with others got away. This may be only an incident, but looks bad at this time. While the strikers are being watched, the scab employers are allowed to litter the streets with material.

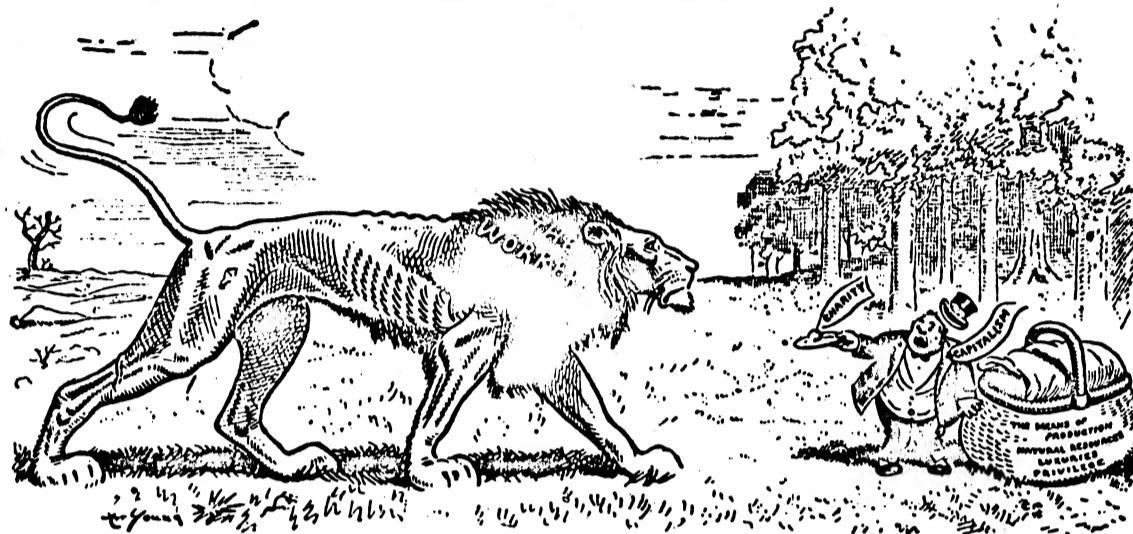
The independent contractors, those who are not in the trust, met with the Industrial Peace association and decided upon a committee with power to arbitrate. One scab header after a violent speech against the unions, made a motion for the open shop, and was not even seconded according to the capitalistic sheets. This only shows that the little skinners are coming down many good notches. At first there was nothing but open shop, now, according to their own information, there is not even a second. A little more and their skin game being about all in, will force them to give in.

The unions published the second weekly issue of the "Strike Bulletin" to enthuse the members to stand firm. The only deplorable feature of the paper is its political dope at a time when there is a strike on and not an election. I suppose the committee does not like to hurt the feelings of the labor politician who is paving the way for a nice fat job. If this is the method he uses, disregarding the present struggle to boost his position, I feel sorry for the following. They will be sacrificed like others many times before, to the ambition of a few.

The unions are still hanging on and the fight continues.

If the pickets here were to use cameras and publish the pictures of the scabs, there would not be a scab left on the job. Even a few men making the rounds would do the work.

JAS. S. BISCAY.



GIVING A CREAM PUFF TO A HUNGRY LION.—From "Life"

### PARASITES WOULD CUT WAGES IN SPOKANE

"LABOR IS A COMMODITY," SAYS REAL ESTATE SHARK—IS NOT WORTH \$3.00 PER DAY—SHOULD BE SOLD AT MARKET PRICE.

In no town or city in America have the master class and the grafters exposed their position quite so well as have these same people in Spokane in the last few weeks. The \$3.00 wage scale for common labor has had the effect of drawing fire from our oppressors and in such a manner as should redound to the best interest of every worker in America. The boss has cast aside any cloak of hypocrisy that heretofore he has ever hid behind and has come out with the cold truth, regardless of whether he is drawing \$20.00 a day himself as city commissioner, or whether he is a land shark that is living off the slave who is trying to pay his monthly installments on a small home.

The town is full of idle men as well as the country at large. The master class wants cheap labor and they know that if they can pull off any restrictions that may exist, which is of benefit to a small army of workers on city work, that they can get the result of competition which exists among the workers in the scramble for bread.

The Commissioner of Public Safety in Spokane, who draws \$20.00 a day himself, has openly declared that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY THE SAME AS BRICK AND LUMBER," and that common labor is not worth \$3.00 a day. Another, a real estate shark, doing the largest business in Spokane in the way of buying and selling property and taking advantage of the slave that has to buy on the installment plan and the big interest graft, openly says that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY, THE SAME AS SUGAR OR ANYTHING ELSE. COMMON LABOR IS NOT WORTH \$3.00 PER DAY."

These statements on the part of our masters, has had the effect of drawing the fire from a great number of workers in the city, in their endeavor to protect the \$3.00 wage scale and thus make things a bit happier for their wives and children at home. If happiness can be seened with the paltry sum of

\$3.00 a day, especially as work is not regular and the worker averages but half a year's work at the best.

The Spokane master has advanced no other argument except that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY" in his contention for cheaper labor. He has made the issue clear and has left the worker with only one thing to do, and that is to GET ORGANIZED and GET ORGANIZED RIGHT. Organize to stop competition by reducing the hours of labor so that all may have employment. There is nothing else to do. It is our only salvation and the sooner we proceed about the task the better for us. If Hayden, Grinnell and the other defenders of cheap labor were in the same position as the workers today and possessing their knowledge of economics, what do YOU suppose Mr. Worker they would do? Why, they would immediately get organized to stop competition among themselves and if the unemployed army stood as a danger post to their welfare they would FIGHT to shorten the hours of labor. They would work night and day to benefit themselves and make such a barrier that their enemy could not break through. Not a moment would be delayed, they would meet every night if necessary to accomplish what they were after. They would complete their organization with the quickest dispatch. What are you doing to protect yourself from these leeches of society that are yearning for more and more profits from the sweat of blood of your hides? You are writing a few nice articles for the daily papers, and appealing for sympathy from the general public on the grounds that you need the \$3.00 to support your wives and children, etc. You appeal for the money that you may educate your children and thus make them GOOD CITIZENS, etc. All of this is rot and rubbish in the ears of the boss. The master class wants more profits and if wage slavery had not been more profitable than chattel slavery, we would still have had chattel slavery. What does the boss care about your wife or your children or their education? What does he care about your wife being an invalid or about the death of your child? The heart string and the soul of the boss lies in his pocketbook and he demands and must have

ever more and more profits. Hayden needs \$4000 a day to live on and if his wages were cut to \$500 a day (which is \$2.00 a day more than he says you can save money on), he would immediately STRIKE by quitting the job; and as far as he was concerned the city could go to hell or the garbage heap. Cut out this rotten sentimentalism and get down to business. There is only room for one organization of labor in this country and two organizations only divide our forces and makes us half as strong as the ONE UNION. One hundred unions only cuts our POWER up and makes us 100 times weaker than we would be in the ONE UNION. Don't appeal to the PUBLIC. There are only two classes in society and they are either grafters and thieves or workers. Who do you suppose is the public? There is no use appealing to the master class for the right to live and get more enjoyment out of life. To do that would cut into the enjoyment of the boss. What YOU have got to do is to appeal to the members of your class to GET ORGANIZED. Get EDUCATED. GET THE FIGHTING SPIRIT. Be a barrier against a system that places human life with cowhides, lumber and brick. Instead of sneering at the speeches you hear from I. W. W. men, you should be glad that men are brave enough to fight against such fearful odds. Instead of sneering at the flag which represents the blood of your own class, you should revere it as an emblem of liberty. Instead of staying outside of the INDUSTRIAL UNION, you should get into it and help it to grow and be a power in the country; you should buy literature and get your fellow worker on the job to read it and when it is gone you should spend your nickels for more literature and you should endeavor to pay attention to the movement in general, because only by our united efforts will we be able to put overalls on the boss and make the insulter do his share of the work of society. Think it over and you will become convinced like the rest of us have, that there is an urgent necessity for a LARGE TRUST which embodies all the workers of the country and of the world, regardless of occupation, because LABOR IS A COMMODITY and COMPETITION IS HELL.

#### FROM SACRAMENTO, CAL.

Local 71 is doing good constructive work and when the big longshoreman arrives we will no doubt put the finishing touches on the slaves, who are already awakened to the fact that there is a class struggle. F. H. Little, who wintered in Shawtown (Fresno can) will keep the workers interested at Fourth and "K" streets until J. P. Thompson arrives. Big "Bill" Haywood will lecture at the Old Pavilion Saturday, August 26, under the auspices of Local No. 71, I. W. W.

Yours for One Big Union,

FRED HEYER,

Fin. Sec. No. 71.

The price of foodstuffs is so high in Western Bohemia compared with the low wages that workmen practically never taste meat. They live on soups, black bread, and potatoes.

#### A PETTY REBEL.

Mayor-elect Stitt Wilson and Commissioners-elect John A. Wilson and E. O. Turner, who comprise the working majority of the new Berkeley city council, have agreed on the appointment of Redmond C. Staats, former city attorney, with F. W. Dorn as his assistant.

"Reddy" Staats is a republican, but has been

something of an independent man in politics.

He is a political associate of Friend W.

Richardson, editor of the Berkeley Gazette,

and a leader in the Lincoln-Roosevelt League,

who was one of Stitt Wilson's strongest sup-

porters in the municipal campaign.

#### HARVEST IS RIPE.

Edwald, Wash., June 30, 1911.

Tell the workers that the harvest will commence here in about two weeks. The crop is good and the field is nice and ripe for agitators. There is one slave driving scissor-bill here that a bunch of I. W. W. men could do good work on. This fellow will need a threshing crew soon and he is something fierce as a slave driver. Hope the boys can get out on the job. Get the harvest stickers working.

B. C. STORK.

Eighteen thousand men wanted. So says Charles Harris, director of the State Free Employment Bureau of Kansas. Twelve thousand must be had at once, he says, as the crops are getting ready all together. How about that pamphlet, the "Farm hand and the city worker," also the harvest stickers? Go to it.

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Why should one be so poor-spirited as to think nothing of oneself?—Dostoevsky.

## WHERE IS YOUR AUTO?

When a JUDGE says that more convicts are needed so as to make work for skilled labor, he is but trying to use the skilled man as an ally to the boss, so that men can be railroaded to the pen and then to the convict camp to make good roads for the parasites to spin along in their automobiles. What is the matter with the workers getting a few automobiles? How many workers in America can boast of owning an automobile? Why don't you own one? You produce all the wealth that the other fellow now has that does nothing, and yet you will go about in your rags and a pack on your back and still will find excuses for your poverty and will land the ambition and energy of the boss in being smart enough to have a good home and an automobile and a few thousand or a few hundred thousand in the bank. True, the boss is rich because he has sense enough to exploit you of four-fifths of the product of your toil. Are you in favor of this business continuing? That's the question and the one that YOU, Mr. Worker, have got to answer soon or go lower in the strata of society. It's a cowardly slave that is satisfied to go about with nothing while producing automobiles for the master and be satisfied with the result of his labor. Be a man and FIGHT for your own. Get organized industrially where labor can act together.

## PENS ARE FULL.

John N. Munro, warden of Nanaimo jail and formerly provincial constable here, passed through the city with 26 prisoners, whom he was transferring from New Westminster to Nanaimo. Owing to the great number of vagrants being sent to the provincial jail from points along the line it is altogether overcrowded, but in Nanaimo there is still room for more.—Vancouver "World."

It is gratifying that there is still room in one jail in British Columbia for vagrants and tramps. There will soon be more room in British Columbia for them, as several convict camps are about to start up and New Westminster penitentiary is being enlarged to "accommodate" 260 more visitors. Isn't it a beautiful system? This overgrowing of jails in the summertime is a true weather vane of the economic bondage under which we are subjected. It states as clear as words can tell of the hardships that thousands; yes, millions, are enduring. The boss now must have good roads and the convicts (his victims) will be forced to make them, and the remuneration will be a bare existence and an armed guard for company to see that he does not have his task. If he rebels he will be shot down like a mad dog. Have pity for the worker that you see shooting off firecrackers on the 4th of July. Don't abuse him. He don't surely know any better.

## HOME FOR LOGGERS.

The Pacific Coast Loggers' Association (an industrial union of slave drivers), at their recent meeting in Vancouver, B. C., discussed the feasibility of establishing a "home for loggers." That this is a scheme to shift the wornout lumberjack on the state for to be cured for is quite evident. Surely these capitalists have not become so generous as to actually provide a shelter for the men who have given the best of their lives to make others rich. This is an insult to the logger. The man that works daily and produces wealth in abundance and has the intelligence of an ant, would scorn an offer from a parasite to shelter him in his old age. When the loggers as well as the rest of the workers will unite into ONE BIG UNION, there will be no need to accept any charity or gifts, from parasites who revel in luxury from the toil of slaves. The ONE UNION of the workers will put overalls on every capitalist in the country. To hell with their gifts. Fight for your own and then you will not need to be an object of charity.

## EIGHT HOURS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

A Superior Court Judge in California has declared that the eight-hour law for women is unconstitutional. Does that leave us as workers a duty to perform in the way of organizing the workers to refuse to work more than a certain hour a day, or does it leave us to still continue on trying to

get LAWS passed in the interest of the workers? This is a big question, that is, it seems to be a big one in the mind of the gent that is looking for a fat job in some parliament building, but to the worker it should be as simple as shooting fish in a well. There is not a law that can be passed so long as capitalism exists that is in the interest of the worker, but what can be declared UNCONSTITUTIONAL by the seven old capitalists that are above all courts and legislatures, viz., the SUPREME COURT. When the workers are organized in the industries and they write the law in the union hall and enforce it on the job and that law says WE WILL NOT WORK MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS, what is the boss going to do, and what is the supreme court going to do? The sooner we awake to the fact that it is FORCE that is required (ORGANIZED FORCE) the better, it will be for us. It's high time that we called a halt to this old rotten superstition of waiting for someone to do something for us. Any time the capitalist class grants a shorter work day to its slaves, it is for the purpose of heading off a move on the part of the workers which will amount to more than the boss is willing to grant. Look at this thing as you may and you have got to come to the point that we will get nothing but what we are prepared to TAKE. If you want some plaything on the side, go to it, but don't forget that the workers have got to be INDUSTRIALLY ORGANIZED.

## BADLY TREATED.

A few days ago in the city of Spokane, a leading citizen, one who had been a Police Commissioner, and had run for office on the new commission form of government, was arrested for refusing to "MOVE ON." It was evidently a new officer who had committed this awful outrage by arresting such a leading citizen. On arriving at the police station the prisoner was loud in his denunciations of the police and the man that had arrested him. He said he was handled as "if he were a tramp or hobo." This statement coming from an ex-Police Commissioner proves conclusively that these "good citizens" consider themselves better than a man that has been forced to tramp in search of work and it knocks out all argument in favor of "EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW."

Let the scissorial ponder well over this remark by an ex-officer of the LAW. Remember, it is all right to pull and manhandle a tramp or a hobo, but to put the hand of the LAW on one of these "darlings" that live from the toil of others and the police stations will be made to ring with the denunciations of those who would dare to touch their precious bodies. This gentleman (1) that refused to "move on" with the rest of the common herd, was immediately released from custody after he had told the "bulls" a few things and informed them "where to get off at." Wonder if this little incident might not wake some slave up to a realization of the existence of a class struggle and the necessity of getting organized into ONE UNION OF THE WORKERS that could FORCE justice.

## ENLARGING PRISONS.

Prisons in general, both in the United States and Canada, are being enlarged to accommodate the new arrivals. At New Westminster, B. C., a wing to the present monument of persecution is being constructed to hold 260 more victims of capitalism. It's one of the signs of increasing civilization.

## BARBAROUS LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Americans from Lower California, who have recently arrived, tell a tale of horror and persecution on the part of the Mexican authorities that is sickening in the extreme. Peaceful residents have been tortured and murdered by the Mexican soldiers at the behest of Governor Vega of Lower California. This is the new regime under the Madero government. If there is any difference between the Madero set of thieves and the Diaz brand, it is not discernable yet and is not likely to be. All the misery and bloodshed that has taken place in the past few months has done nothing to make the lot of the worker happier or his burden lighter. Time, money and blood has been wasted for the purpose of putting another landed aristocrat in office. The workers have yet to accomplish something for themselves.

## HARMONIOUS CONVENTION.

The convention of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers has just adjourned. The newly elected president, Fellow Worker Emerson, writes us that the convention was a very harmonious one and one that any wage slave might be proud to have been a delegate at. The timber workers of the South have decided to battle for their industrial freedom and the delegates in voicing their sentiments in the matter have left no room for doubt as to the attitude of their organization in general. The labor movement is not hard to understand. We are living under a system called civilized, but in truth is far from civilization. It is based on property rights and human needs are a second consideration. We have a form of slavery that is just as degrading and humiliating as any chattel slave system that ever existed. The boss makes no apologies when he states that labor is a "commodity" and he wishes to have it sold to him on the market the same as anything else where there is competition. To say that labor must unite, does not mean to unite in sections with state lines, or any agreements that will hold the workers to the boss while another army of workers are going down to defeat. The class struggle is as apparent that "he who runs may read," and as no one can deny truthfully the existence of the class struggle, it is apparent to the most simple in our ranks that there is need for ONE BIG UNION of the working class.

We trust that the timber workers of the South will prove true to the acts of the convention which has just passed into history and will battle for Industrial Freedom and make such arrangements whereby they will be in close touch with the army of workers that are congregating together on industrial lines. Organization means system. Let us have an organization and a system that can be understood by every slave in the world. Good luck to the Southern lumber jack.

## FREE SPEECH FIGHT IS NOW ON

## TELEGRAM.

Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1911.  
Industrial Worker, Box 2129, Spokane, Washington.  
Free speech fight opens in Duluth July 12th. Reinforcements wanted on ground soon  
VINCENT ST. JOHN.

## PARADING IS DANGEROUS

THE PARADE IDEA—DANGEROUS TO WORKERS—GIVES BOSS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SLAUGHTER—QUESTION SHOULD BE SETLED NOW.

The street parade or procession is an old institution coming down to us from the very dawn of private property and its consequent organization of the forces of violence. The dominant class of the past days displayed its power and glory by parading after some victory, thereby impressing the populace at the psychological time. These parades kept the toiling slaves and citizens satisfied and enthused in carrying the burden of a class of violent oppressors. So we find the ancients paraded as great warriors, exhibiting their trophies as fruits of valor and prowess.

There were also religious parades since times immemorial, to impress the people through the means of pomp and ceremony the supposed necessity of superstitious belief in the unknown. Parading became a custom, a habit.

Later on, the rising Bourgeois paraded when victorious in wringing some concessions from the governing feudal aristocracy, and the feudal aristocracy paraded its success in momentarily throttling the efforts of the Bourgeois.

Today, after a war, its customary for the masters to parade the troops, and even in times of peace the hired assassins of the dominant class are paraded to overawe the radical and enthuse the dense unthinking subjects. All governments govern a subject class! one class rules the other, though ostensibly it be a republic.

The idea of parading has become so imbedded in the minds of people in general that even the most revolutionary organizations have a tendency to retain this custom of antiquity. The question naturally presents itself: is it a good thing for us?

Simply because its an old custom is no reason why it should be retained if it is useless or harmful. The argument is often advanced that it enthuses the workers, when we, as a revolutionary organization, go out in parade. While this in itself may be true; do we not force the attention and consequent violent action of the enemy towards us, by openly exhibiting our opposition and numerical weakness? Do we not mass ourselves at a time when the enemy is superior and can easily take advantage of our grouping to set us back with acts of violence, discouraging a great many, as in the past? Is the capitalist not ready at any time to start trouble with thugs and "pinks," throw the blame on the workers and under the pretext satiate the desire of vengeance against the rebellious slaves? Has not this proven true in Chicago in 1886 and in nearly every May day parade where great numbers drew the attention of the enemy to our growing strength? Has any of this unnecessary sacrifice of blood and lives forced upon us helped to advance the movement? Are we to follow the sheep-like game of martyrdom, or, act like fighters, taking advantage of everything which helps us and giving the enemy little opportunity to deal us a blow without being hurt in return?

These and other questions should be considered carefully, then we should act along lines of least resistance and least sacrifice on our part, toward the goal before us. We should always act to our own best advantage and welfare, giving the enemy no chance to take advantage of us to do us harm.

The question of parade or no parade should be settled by the I. W. W. before the coming eight-hour demonstration of next May. Being an open enemy of capitalism, firmly resolved upon the overthrow of the present system as soon as possible; we, as an organization, would be playing into the hands of the enemy by massing ourselves invitingly for the attack of the enemy. We expect no quarter: then, why give the enemy a chance at us? While the capitalist feel perfectly safe, the parade of slaves passes unnoticed; but after a long agitation to shorten the hours of labor: do we expect this to pass unnoticed? The bosses have used violence before whenever it served their interest, they will do so again for the same reason. If we teach the parade idea, we will be preparing our membership for the slaughter which will come sooner or later if we group ourselves to the advantage of the enemy. An idea once taught cannot be stopped in a moment, especially when the habitual period of parade arrives. Many would complain and some even oppose the sudden discarding of parading. Even the revolutionary is a creature of habit and environment.

Would it not be far better for the welfare of the organization to drop the idea of parade entirely? Then in order to use violence against us, the enemy must hunt up the individuals and cannot act against a great number as readily as if we were grouped within easy access. To get a great number of individuals singly would mean much trouble and expense, the parade saves all this for the enemy. Capitalism would be forced to openly show its hand in each instance of individual oppression, while with the mass the old "lot" excuse will suffice to turn public sentiment against the workers butchered like sheep in a narrow lane.

A mass parade would only contain mem-

bers and sympathizers, both undesirable to the enemy whose interest is to cripple the revolutionary organization and discourage the sympathizers. He has often been able to do this with one blow.

It is not a question of showing off our courage and willingness to die like sheep without helping the movement, but of tactfully retaining our strength for a more advantageous time to deal a blow instead of having one dealt us while on a useless parade. Our mission is to organize and fight so as to give the enemy no advantage against us, retaining every advantage on our side that we can, in order to bring the day of economic emancipation the sooner.

Let us, therefore, take this matter under serious consideration and prepare ourselves to struggle along lines calculated to our best advantage, without exposing our membership to unnecessary hardship and avoidable sacrifice which does not increase our power or strength in our position. Think this over.

J. S. BISCAY.

## ORGANIZATION IS THE THING

## SPOKANE WORKER ASKS SOME POINTED QUESTIONS—USES FABLE OF FOX AND GOOSE.

Spokane, Wash., July 2, 1911.—To the Editor of the Chronicle. Please allow me a small space in your paper to express my views on a question of serious importance to all humanity. It seems there are a few very selfish people who try to believe that the laboring men of Spokane receive more than their share. One of these selfish beings has declared that a man can support a family and pay by some money on \$2.50 a day.

Another says that the \$3 scale retards improvements. Shame on all such remarks. Then they say that the city can not afford to pay \$3 a day for labor.

Now, Mr. Grinnell and a few others, how would you like to support your family on \$2.50 per day? I think you would be deprived of many luxuries that you now enjoy.

Rich Would Reduce.

You will notice that all the advocates of a reduction of the city wage scale are men who have been more fortunate than the writer and many others, men who are drawing a good salary from the city, or otherwise and do not realize what a hard time the laboring man has to exist.

We hear no protest where some city official asks for a raise or an appropriation to secure an automobile so that he can take life easy. There are men in the city's employ who do not perform one-tenth part as much actual work in a week as the common laboring man does in one hour, but he must be well paid and if he kicks the city fathers will give him an assistant to help perform his duties.

The Mayor's Table.

Why should it cost Mr. Mayor or any one else more to supply their table than it costs me to supply mine? Am I not entitled to live just as well and wear just as good clothes as any one else?

Or, because my mental faculties are defective and fortune does not smile on me am I to be cut down to a mere pitance that the city may be able to pay exorbitant salaries to support those who neither spin, nor do they toil?

In a late issue we read of some large investments, where it says they are indicative of prosperity. They say the banks are full of money and that shows good times.

Can Not Get Money.

What benefit is it to me if all the banks are loaded down with cash if I have no opportunity to get hold of some of it? It reminds me of the fox and the goose that were wrecked on the island. Mr. Fox took possession of all the provisions. When Mrs. Goose became hungry she began to kick about hard times.

Mr. Fox said: "Tut, tut, Mrs. Goose, you have no kick coming; there is just as much emb on this island as there ever was. This hard times story makes me tired."

So it is with the advocate of a cut in the city wage scale. You will notice that they are all men who have plenty and care little for the man who does the work."

GRANT McKAY.

927½ First avenue, city. You are entitled to just as much as you have POWER enough to TAKE. You are entitled to all you produce when you are organized strong enough to get it.—Ed.

Humanity has not a moment to lose. Too much nakedness; too many houses of shame; too many convict prisons; too many toilers; too many defalcations and crimes; too much darkness. Such society requires prompt succor. Let us seek out the best. Go all you in this search! Where are the promised lands? Civilization must march forward.—Victor Hugo.

# PATRIOTISM DEATH

MURDER AND FIREWORKS GO HAND IN HAND—THE BOSS LIKES PATRIOTISM AND FOOLS.

BISBEE, Ariz., June 24, 1911.—Announcement was made today that nearly \$1,000 worth of fireworks had arrived in Bisbee for the Copper Queen Mining Company. The shipment also includes many American flags and lots of bunting with which to decorate the Company's death traps. The fireworks and the flags will be shown on July 4th to the slaves of the company in an effort to keep alive that "patriotism" and "love" of country" which may be found among the Bisbee miners.

It is cheaper to spend a thousand dollars for flags and fireworks once a year than to safeguard the mines and pay decent wages. The truth of this statement is shown by the fact that at this very time when the money was being blown for flags, etc., one man had been killed and another lay at the door of death as a result of insecure mines here.

When will the slaves get wise?

"S. M. G."

P. S.—The names of the above two are: Santiago, Rantana; murdered.

Jack Green, nearly murdered in mines.

S. M. G.

## A PLEA FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Reading in several issues of our papers articles in relation to the postal service, I think a little more information on that line will be of interest to the workers, especially as it forms a strong plea for government ownership!

The postal service is one that the government has completely monopolized. True, also, that as far as system and economy of labor is concerned, it is very perfect. We do not find the carriers duplicating each other's routes; on overlapping such as is witnessed in the distribution of a large number of the articles of daily consumption by stores, meat shops, bake shops, dairies, laundries, etc., rival concerns covering the same territory. No competition has been eliminated and the expenditure of necessary labor power reduced to the minimum.

But how about the conditions of labor? With the government as an impersonal employer, with the gambling element removed so far as profits are concerned, and those in high positions not depending upon their sinecures because of their ability to extract surplus value from the toilers; one would expect to find the conditions of labor ideal. But do we? Let us see.

In Seattle, a short time ago, a number of clerks were discharged because they had signed a petition asking that the acts of a certain inspector be investigated. Discharged for signing a petition? Yes. They appealed their case, even going to Washington personally to present their side of the matter. Local unions protested against the discharge. So did the Postal Clerks' Association. (It didn't strike). Citizens, on whose routes the clerks had been employed, signed a petition that they be reinstated. They were—at a reduced salary. Reduced from \$1,200 yearly to \$900. The local papers stated immediately afterward that they had won their case!

Take the railway mail clerks as another instance. They have been practically forbidden to join a labor union. And the postal clerks of St. Paul and other cities who have been discharged for union activities. So we see that the government is as active in squashing dissent as peanut Post or General Otis. It would reduce its employees to the status of soldiers—do as you are bid even though it be to fire on your mother. The soldier is forced to obey commands, once he has enlisted, through fear of punishment. The postal clerk by a threatened cut in wages.

But let us deal with the condition of the clerks employed in the office. Here, they work under a veritable system of espionage. In many of the larger postoffices there are lattice balconies surrounding the working floor in which spotters can walk too and fro observing the men at work, and not being themselves seen. The actions of the men can thus quickly be reported. Other offices are provided with peep-holes. The Seattle post-office is no exception. These holes are plainly visible from the mail-getters lobby; of course anyone not acquainted with their usage would not pay any attention to them. However, is there a more dispicable method of labor spying to be imagined? And does it not furnish a strong plea for government ownership!

SEATTLEITE.

## CONSOLATION FOR SLAVES.

What on earth does that man John Hammond mean by representing us at that convention as he has been doing?

At the king's banquet, where eight tons of gold saucers, plates and platters, worth \$1,000,000, were trotted out, our representative got only a sister-in-law of the queen to walz in to dinner with. Then, at the table with our John were a Chinaman, Tsai Chieu, some more sisters-in-law of somebody, and the prince of Morocco, the fellow who rules over the vilest, most notorious gambling hell on earth. There wasn't a knight or a queenlet at John's table, just sister-in-law, Chinese and gamblers! It was a bloody shame, and if John can't do better than that at representing us officially and socially, he'd better put his starched and stand-up collar in his suitcase at once and come home.—"Spokane Press."

## WHERE YOU ARE ROBBED.

The secret of capitalism is exploitation at the point of production. Some workingmen get robbed by a hold-up man, some by an employment shark, some are swindled by a second-hand dealer.

But the great wage slave class gets robbed at the point of production, i. e., they are short in the pay check; it never reaches their pocket.

If we are robbed as consumers, why does the capitalist oppose a raise in wages, if he could get it all back again? Why is he again strikes?

It is because a disturbance in industry makes the dividends smaller. The dividends come from the producer and not from the consumer. The I. W. W. fights in the interest of the wealth producer.

The statement that the worker is more exploited than the wage worker is an economic lie. The small farmer is carrying on production in the old way, with small capital and selling his produce in the twentieth century market, in competition with big capital.

Under such conditions a small farmer may be poor, but not exploited. A slum proletarian who eats out of a garbage can may be poor but not exploited.

JOHN PANCRER,  
Box 623, Fort Bragg, Cal.

## UNCLE SAM AIDS MADERO

### JUNTA ARRESTED AT BEHEST OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT—LIBERALS OF LOWER CALIFORNIA TO BE ARRESTED—MADERO DEMANDS EXTRADITION.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 28.—Already Madero the Dictator, has shown "the claw and the fang." He has, through his Governor Vega of Lower California, demanded the return of the Liberals to Mexico, and warrants have been issued by the United States calling for the arrest of every man who participated in the capture of Tijuana on May 9. The charges are "murder and arson." This charge is merely a pretext to get them into the power of Madero, where unarmed they will be slaughtered like lambs.

It will be impossible to arrest the privates as they can't be identified, but the officers have been arrested and the Mexican government has commenced extradition proceedings. It is now up to every revolutionist to let the government know that if these men are turned over to Mexico, we will have OUR INNING. We must not permit this deal to come off.

The men now arrested are: C. R. Price, former commander at Tijuana; J. R. Mosby, J. B. Laffin, Jos. Reed, and two Mexicans. These six men are arrested in San Diego, and AS IMMEDIATE ACTION WAS IMPERATIVE. E. E. Kirk, a radical attorney, has been engaged by us to defend them.

Besides this, through Madero's orders, four members of the Los Angeles Liberal Junta have been arrested, and the capitalist class will try to put them in prison again, where they have already served several years for being Mexican revolutionists. The case of the Junta members is being handled by a Los Angeles lawyer. Kirk is a San Diego attorney, and as we are without funds to defend our fellow workers, we appeal to every "RED" to remit what he can. If you cannot afford to send us a dollar of fifty cents or more, send it as a loan. Send the money to E. E. Kirk, Union Building, San Diego, Cal., who will issue a receipt for it. These receipts will be treated as notes if you so desire and we will repay them later, as soon as we can.

Remember, we must not let our fellow workers be returned to Mexico to be shot. Stir up public sentiment about this. Get busy. These men fought like men, on the deserts of Mexico. YOU DO your part of a man. Yours in the Perpetual Revolution.

STANLEY M. GUE.

## A TRAITOR UNMASKED.

A traitor to the I. W. W. has been discovered in the shape of J. Hawley, a self-confessed scab from Spokane, Wash., where he held membership in the I. W. W. local No. 223. His card was taken up by the organizer pending the action of the local here, in jurisdiction of this community and membership.

This man went about his work of discrediting the organization in a deliberate way. He was offered work out of town, which he refused, according to his own statement, and hunted up a scab job in town, thereby turning traitor to this organization which pulled off all our members from the building industry as soon as the strike began. By doing so, this man turned scab against the I. W. W. as well as the crafts who are also striking.

To make his work against the I. W. W. the more effective this J. Hawley made it particularly known that he was a member of the I. W. W. and flashed his card when his questioners would not believe that an I. W. W. could be forced to scab. Even a pink could not find a better way to discredit the I. W. W. than by getting into the I. W. W. and then pretending that this organization was made up of scabs. One man doing such subtle dirty work can undo all the efforts towards class solidarity than the rest of the members are able to make. Actions speak for themselves. Its up to us to act against such.

During the regular business meeting of Vancouver, B. C., I. W. W. Local 322, on July 3, 1911, this man J. Hawley was discovered present, and his card was taken up by the organizer. He was found to be paid up for the month of June, 1911, in Local 223. He was then asked before the local members present during this business meeting, if he was working in the building industry against which a strike was on. He admitted brazenly that HE WAS SCABBING AND WORKING ON A SCAB JOB IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY. No further evidence was necessary and the following motion was at once made:

Moved and seconded, That J. Hawley's name, since he admitted to be scabbing, be published in all our papers and his card be returned to Spokane, with facts, and that headquarters be notified. Carried unanimously.

In accordance with the local instructions, Local 223 has been notified and the card forwarded. The membership of that local will know what to do with a traitor to the I. W. W. Every secretary and member should be on the lookout for this man where ever he goes. YOU KNOW HOW TRAITORS SHOULD BE TREATED.

This fellow is a carpenter, about 52 years old, strong French-Canadian accent, fair sized man, dark moustache, walks flat footed, thin faced and fairly well preserved.

Issued by order of Local 322, I. W. W., Vancouver, B. C., July 3, 1911, to which the official signatures and seal is hereto appended.

J. S. BISCAY,  
(Seal). Secretary and Organizer.  
WM. DENEKE,  
Chairman of Session.

## IT SUITS THE BOSS.

In Victor, Colorado, the home of the "bull pen," the election of a Socialist mayor and council is heralded as a "great working class victory," notwithstanding the fact that a miner must carry a card in the Mine Owners' Association and renounce all unionism in order to work. Oh Socialism! What crimes are committed in thy name!

W. C. S.

## No Time to Lose

Landlords and profit mongers are no more a necessary part of the body politic than are wens, tumours and ulcers necessary parts of the natural human body. They have no more legitimate right to obtrude themselves on society than a wolf or a tiger has to join and make one of a Christmas party.—Dionne O'Brien.

## I. W. W. PREAMBLE

### WHAT WE BELIEVE.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among the millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trades unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wages for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Knowing, therefore, that such an organization is absolutely necessary for our emancipation we unite under the following constitution.

## What the Locals are Doing

### FROM INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.

I am now at International Falls, Minn. The cost of living is extra high and the capitalists are advertising wages as good and to buy a home in International Falls, the City of Destiny. They are blowing a lot about it, but it is like every place else; the City of Prosperity for a few. The wage workers are beginning to get wise and our three months old I. W. W. is growing steadily. The conditions are as bum as the bumest for the workers, as they keep them jumping from one job to another so fast that when I solicit subs they prove the job does not last long enough to receive one issue in a place. The wages are so low compared to the cost of living, that they never have enough to know what a stake is. I see calls from all over for agitators to come to different places; do like we do here, make agitators out of our members. One never attended but one business meeting and two street meetings and I put on the soap box and he is the making of a good soap boxer; he delivered the goods. We have eight camp delegates at work with good success and about twenty "Johnny on the job" agitators. We must do something ourselves and not be depending on some one else to organize our locals, but get job control. In Northern Minnesota there are twelve lumbering centers that are writing for organizers to put in locals, so let us all get to work and hustle and not beg or pray for somebody else to do our work, as there is work for all in the I. W. W. When we organized here we got a no good for nothing secretary, as he ran away with our charter and some funds, and was expelled for borrowing for personal use by misrepresenting himself. His name is John Erickson, and you will all know him if you meet him. He tells what he has done for the wage workers, not what we can do by organizing in the I. W. W. for ourselves. We agitate here on the job, and off where we find a wage-worker, and when the boss asks us about the I. W. W. we sell him some literature, as we believe in doing with the boss as he does with us—do nothing without a profit. What we need here is for some more live agitators in foreign languages. We are now able to agitate in eight different languages and are introducing the principle of Industrial Unionism to many different nationalities.

Yours for the eight-hour day for a starter,  
A. A. RICE,  
Secretary Local 428, International Falls,  
Minn.

## WANTED.

John Kaiser is requested to communicate with George H. Swasey at 909 Howard street, San Francisco, or 2420 Fillmore street. John Kaiser was a member of Local No. 1, Los Angeles. Any person knowing of the whereabouts of Fellow Worker Kaiser will please inform him of this notice.

GEO. H. SWASEY.

## DUE BOOK FOUND.

An I. W. W. due book bearing the name of McGregor Ross has been picked up on the tug-boat Lorne at Victoria, B. C. The book was issued by Local No. 92 at Portland and shows the owner to have transferred to No. 173 on May 12, 1908. On proper identification before any local of the I. W. W., the book will be forwarded from this office.—Editor.

## TOO MANY COCK-ROACHES

### WOULD GET INTO A RUT—OTHER WAYS OF USING DIRECT ACTION.

We, as an organization seem, in my estimation, to be in danger of falling into a rut regarding direct action. There are other means of using the weapon, besides just on the job. We forget, many of us, that in getting higher wages we are also raising the cost of living. Now, while more wages is most desirable, the higher cost of living is not. The remedy for this is a more economic system of distribution, which in its turn brings us to the centralization of that industry. Knowing that it is only a matter of time, until all industries are in the hands of the few and that the general trend of economies is the eliminating of all waste. Why not turn our energies to the Bourgeoisie shop keeper, who, as a general rule is the enemy of the working class. In most every town and community there is two or more stores. This, fellow workers is waste. Why keep two parasites on our backs when one will do? You are paying for rent and help which is not necessary and that is a part of the reason why living goes up. Let us get together and preach patronizing one store, while boycotting the others. In this way we shall certainly be hurrying things along, besides doing a charitable deed to those storekeepers whom we put out of business. They will be able to get into a useful occupation and having several years start on many who will inevitably fail in the future, will finally thank our noble endeavors in establishing them as producers instead of allowing them to continue as parasites. The boss is introducing the Taylor system of economizing; let us help him. We can attend to one man much more easily than a thousand.

WM. ASKEW,  
Cheyenne, Wyo.

## BOOSTER'S BRIGADE

### THIS IS THE STUFF.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 26, 1911.

Editor "Industrial Worker." Enclosed find \$1.00 for four quarterly subscriptions to the "Worker." The local here, recently passed a motion to the effect that each new member should be given a three-month subscription to the "Industrial Worker." Yours for Industrial Freedom.

WM. ASKEW, Sec. I. W. W.

This week we have received \$8.00 for subs from headquarters. A large portion of this was rustled together by Fellow Worker Menke of Chicago.

"Bill" Clark sends in \$2.00 for subs from Bellingham. "Bill" says the slaves are about all dead in Bellingham with hard work and long hours. They seem to like it.—Ed.

Seattle I. W. W. comes into camp with \$17.00 for bundle orders and subs this week. Seattle leads the world now for subs and bundles.

Locals in Spokane are on the hustle. The Spokane lad sold 380 "Workers" this week on the street. The local has elected a committee to visit workingmen's homes on Sunday and distribute back numbers of the "Worker." A good example for others to follow.

Fred Heyer, secretary of No. 71 in Sacramento, Cal., sends in \$3.00 for 25c sub cards. Good work that.

### TO OUR READERS.

Every member of the I. W. W., as well as our sympathizers, are urged to work for the upbuilding of the "Industrial Worker." The most important issue in the world is the solution of the class struggle. Whatever other issues some may consider as necessary to our work of emancipation, it is generally conceded that the industrial revolutionary union of the workers is the most important matter to attend to.

To accomplish what we are after we must arouse the sleeping army of workers to their class interests; we must show them the way to freedom. To do this our literature must be placed in the hands of the toilers everywhere. Remember you are doing a great work when you are securing subscriptions to the "Industrial Worker." Work incessantly to build up the circulation.—Editor.

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## SPECIAL FROM GERMANY

FOSTER VIEWS MILITARY DISPLAY  
OF IGNORANCE—GERMAN SOCIALISTS BELIEVE IN STRONG ARMY  
—A FEW TIPS FOR AMERICANS CAN PARLIAMENTARIANS.

Today I witnessed the annual review by the kaiser of the troops stationed in Berlin. It took place at Tempelhof Feld—an immense military drill ground on the outskirts of Berlin—and was a remarkable sight. Possibly 30,000 men took part in it.

I arrived on the scene about 7 a. m. and already the troops in their gorgeous uniforms were drawn up in two dense lines about a mile long. The kaiser arrived shortly after and as he and a big bunch of princes and royal petticoats, etc., came on the field, the long line of soldiers like one man came to a present arms, about forty bands played—the most infernal clangor I ever heard as they were either all playing different airs or were out of time—and all hands gave a bunch of "hochs." Willy rode along and looked the slaves over and later had them march by him. This marching by the kaiser is a ceremony worth going a long way to see. It shows what damned tools working men can make of themselves. Each regiment as it approached the kaiser's stand fell into a peculiar step, the men lifting their legs—stiff knee—at least three feet from the ground. They kept this up until out of the sacred presence. Just what part this monkey step performs in making "good" soldiers is rather difficult to discover. I figured that a man who would keep that step up for 500 yards would be a case for the hospital.

After about three hours of this barbaric pageant the affair came to a close and I went home and continued my reading of August Bebel's book entitled "Not Standing Army but Militia" (Volksschreiber). Bebel is one of the most radical of the Socialist "anti-militarists" and is inspired by his revolutionary criticisms of the army. He even goes so far as to say that the uniforms of officers and men should be made of more sombre colored materials; that the polished leather trappings, burnished steel helmets and breastplates should be abolished; that the wearing of medals and orders is forbidden. The revolutionary significance of these propositions is beyond computation, as anyone who has seen the German army on a field day will admit.

Bebel furthers these capitalism destroying reforms by stating in italics that their institution would afford an immense relief for the officers who would be freed from many of their very unpleasant duties.

Bebel being a socialist naturally is patriotic; he is in favor of the very strongest army possible, in order that the workers may be able to defend their country—the old statement that the workers have no country has long been stuck in the socialist attic. He complains bitterly that the efficacy of the German army is greatly impaired by the workers' lack of military training between the ages of 14—age of leaving school—and 20—age of joining army. He says on this point: "The military education of the youth must be thus (drilling, turning, etc.) continued until its 20th year, on Sundays, holidays, free afternoons, or the long summer evenings." Our unthinking American socialists should take a tip from Bebel's hint of how to utilize their spare time, and when they have "done" their 12 hours in the steel mills they can put in the rest of the day in organizing companies of boy scouts, etc., in order that our country may be defended from the threatened attack by the Eskimos.

Bebel favors the Swiss army very strongly, though he says it is by no means perfect. In the Swiss army all citizens between 17 and 50 are soldiers. To make the Swiss army "perfect" from a socialist standpoint it will probably be necessary to extend the service limits to "from the cradle to the grave."

The American socialist movement being young is somewhat unsophisticated. It isn't wise to itself yet and is floundering around in the most absurdly contradictory doctrines and tactics. One of these contradictions is its stand towards the military question. In one issue of the International Socialist Review we see pictures of Eugene Debs delivering a lecture from a platform "smothered with American flags," and in the next a glorification of Gustav Hervé, who is one of the "rankest" anti-militarists in Europe.

The socialist movement must get right—it must either cut out Hervé and anti-militarism or cut out the American flag. The example of its older and wiser sister party of Germany will indicate the proper factor to eliminate. It has cut out anti-militarism—as expressed by Hervé—and the syndicalists with a vengeance. To be helpful, I might suggest that some one translate Bebel's book (above quoted), which is a sort of bible of socialist "anti-militarism," and also that the rude "La Patrie" of Hervé be laid on the shelf. The continued circulation of this latter unfortunate work can only result in hurting the feelings of the kaiser hayseeds and "our" vote will suffer in consequence. The substitution of Bebel's work on the other hand would prove conclusively that the best socialists are the best patriots.

W. Z. FOSTER.

### ARE YOU LEANING?

Those wage-workers who are leaning toward the I. W. W. will be a whole lot leaner if they don't hurry up and fall in line with us and help to take the pork chops before our teeth fall out.

W. C. S.

## LIKES LOTS OF BLOOD

A THIRSTER FOR HUMAN BLOOD—HATES RACE SUICIDE—SHOOTS THEM WHEN THEY GROW UP.  
Extracts from Roosevelt—His Story of the Charge Up San Juan Hill.

"When we reached the trenches we found them filled with dead bodies in the light blue and white uniform of the Spanish regular army. There were very few wounded. Most of the fallen had little holes in their heads, from which their brains were oozing; for they were covered from the neck down by the trenches. . . . Lieutenant Davis' first sergeant, Clarence Gould, killed a Spaniard soldier with his revolver, just as the Spaniard was aiming at one of my rough riders. At the same time I also shot one. Was with Henry Bradshaw, running up at the double, and two Spaniards leaped from the trenches and fired at us, not ten yards away. As they turned to run I closed in and fired twice, missing the first and killing the second. At that time I did not know of Gould's exploit, and supposed my feat to be unique; and although Gould had killed his Spaniard in the trenches, not very far from me, I never learned of it until weeks after. It is astonishing what a limited area of vision and experience one has in the hurly-burly of a battle."

His Story of Hunting Exploits.

"He bore his antlers aloft, the snow lay thick on his mane; he sniffed the air as he walked. As I drew a bead his bearing of self-confidence changed to one of alarm. My bullet smote through shoulder blades, and he plunged wildly forward and fell full length on the blood-stained snow.

"I jumped off my horse, knelt and covered the fawn; as I pulled the trigger down went the deer, the bullet having gone into the back of its head. I felt much pleased with it.

"My nerves were thrilling and my heart beating with eager, fierce excitement. . . . Drawing a fine head I pressed the trigger. He did not reel, but I knew he was mine, for the blood sprang from both his nostrils, and he fell dying on his side before he had gone thirty rods.

"My aim was true, and the huge beast crashed down hill, pulling himself on his forelegs for twenty rods, his hind quarters trailing. Racing forward, I broke his neck. Two moose birds followed the wounded bull as he dragged his great carcass down the hill, and pounced with ghastly bloodthirstiness on the goutte of blood that sprinkled the green herbage."

"Union Men Are Savagery."

The men who object to what they style "government by injunction" are, as regards the essential principles of government, in hearty sympathy with their remote ancestors who lived in caves, fought one another with stone-headed axes, and ate the mammoth and woolly rhinoceros. They are interesting as representing a geological survival, but they are dangerous whenever there is the least chance of their making the principle of this ages-hurried past living factors in our present life. They are not in sympathy with men of good minds and sound civic morality.—Review of Reviews, September, 1896, p. 295.

Drunken Deepdooers Better Than Working men.

When drunk on the villainous whiskey of the frontier towns they (the cowboys and rough riders) cut mad antics, riding their horses into saloons, firing their revolvers right and left, from hoisterous light-heartedness rather than from any viciousness, and indulging too often in deadly shooting affairs, brought on either by accidental contact of the moment or on account of some long-standing grudge, or perhaps because of bad blood between the ranches or localities.

But they are much better fellows and pleasanter companions than the small farmers or agricultural laborers! nor are the mechanics of a great city to be mentioned in the same breath with them.—Century Magazine, for February, 1898, p. 502.—San Francisco Star.

## Wages too High Says Boss

COMPETE, YOU SLAVES, SAYS CAPITALIST—GO DOWN WITH COW HIDES AND LUMBER.

The result of the operation of the arbitrary \$3 a day wage scale in Spokane for common labor prevents the working of the economic law of supply and demand, in the opinion of F. T. Bement, a property owner of 616 Montgomery avenue.

"I would like to see the laborer get all that is coming to him," says Mr. Bement, "but I believe labor should follow the law of supply and demand the same as anything else."

"When there is a scarcity of laborers and much work to be done, the laborer gets a premium in the form of high wages. When money is scarce, building operations and improvements few and times are not up to standard, the inevitable tendency is for everything to drop. Labor is no exception."

"However, with an arbitrary wage scale this tendency is checked and we find the laborer receiving just as good wages in a time of

few improvements as he does when improvements are plentiful. The rule should work both ways. When the laborer gets a premium on his work when labor is scarce, his wage should naturally decrease when laborers are plentiful."

"I believe the city should put labor on a competitive basis, just as any private individual or firm would. The high price of labor undoubtedly adds a greater burden to the taxpayer, as our improvements cost much more than they would if labor were open to competition. The scale of \$3 a day is much higher now than the market price of labor."

"I understand the prices of all kinds of building materials have gone down greatly. The price of labor should go down accordingly."—Spokesman-Review.

The above is one of the many letters and articles appearing in the Spokane daily papers. How do you like it from your boss, Mr. Slave, and what are you going to do about it? Think it's time for ONE UNION FOR ALL?

## WHY MEN ARE ARRESTED

CONVICTS NECESSARY TO MAKE GOOD ROADS, SAYS PARASITE—COMMON LABOR IN CONVICT QUARRIES MAKE WORK FOR SKILLED LABOR, SAYS JUDGE.

That there is an organized effort on the part of the parasites in this country and Canada, to railroad men to the penitentiary, so that they can be used to build roads for automobile drivers, is proven conclusively by reading the account of the "smoker" given by the Vancouver Automobile club to the American visitors.

Laborers have been sentenced by the thousands in the last few years on any kind of an old trumped up charge. Long sentences are administered and these sentences are then cut down considerably if the convict will be good and will do an "honest day's toil" on the convicts roads. When the penitentiaries are overcrowded the men are taken to the convict road camps and these camps are now situated in many places in the United States and Canada.

The profit monger that has robbed the worker of four-fifths of the product of his toil and has forced him to commit some offence against capitalist society so that life may be kept in the body, now wishes the victim to work for the hare keeping and be guarded with armed men so that his mastership can have nice smooth roads to spin along and enjoy the scenery. This cursed arrangement can never end until labor unites. The insults of the boss are thrown into our faces a thousand times a day and yet we stand like dumb driven cattle and yet hear the lash and insults without as much as a protest. Protesting is no use. The boss does not give a tinker's dam for protests or resolutions. We have got to create the force necessary to whip him to a frazzle and make him do his share of the work of society. Every minute we delay in getting organized, only adds another blow to our already bleeding backs. The boss is organized and they stick together. They recognize the necessity of organization. They realize the necessity of stopping competition in every article they have to sell. They realize the necessity of having the workers divided so that they can pick us clean. They love division of labor, but they love unity on their part and the holding of conferences and conventions by some great Industrial Trust is of daily occurrence. Read the following which is clipped from the Vancouver World and then ask yourself how long you are going to delay and quibble instead of getting organized into ONE BIG UNION of the working class:

The smoker given by the Vancouver Automobile club Monday night in honor of the visiting American autoists brought out a strong representation of car owners, and a number of interesting addresses were given in the evening, principally on the consideration of good roads and the part they play in a country's prosperity.

The chief speaker was Judge Ronald of Seattle, president of the Pacific Highway Association, who spoke of the important effect good roads had on a country's welfare and of their cost of construction. He dealt with the legislation put forward of interest to autoists, and spoke of the results obtained in different states in using convict labor in building good roads. He thought that it was a proper employment of convict labor, and it had been found that conditions could attach to it which would make them much more self-respecting members of the community. The convict owed a duty to the state and their labor employed in the rock quarries resulted in increased openings for skilled labor. Judge Ronald also pointed to the amount spent by the people of Canada and the United States in visiting Europe, when with good roads and cars scenery with which Europe could not compare was to be found in British Columbia.

### IMAGINATION.

In the congress of 1776, John Adams observed:

"That as to this matter, it was of no consequence by what name you called your people, whether by that of free men or of slaves. That in some countries the laboring poor men were called freemen; in others they were called slaves; but the difference was imaginary only. What matter it whether a landlord employing ten laborers on his farm, gives them annually as much as will buy the necessities of life, or gives them those necessities at short hand?" From "The Lost Principles of Sectional Equilibrium," by Barbarossa, 1860, p. 39.

## QUICK ACTION NECESSARY

THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE WITH WALL STREET TRIES TO EXTRADITE REVOLUTIONISTS TO MEXICO TO BE SHOT—LIBERAL JUNTA ARRESTED —JACK MOSBY, J. B. LAPLIN AND OTHER LIBERAL OFFICERS HELD.

As has been pointed out since the beginning of the Mexican revolution, Francisco Madero, is just as great a tyrant and Dictator as was Porfirio Diaz.

Madero's latest act is to try to extradite all the Mexican Liberal revolutionists to Mexico where they will be lined up against a wall and shot according to the most approved regulations of Diaz.

At Alamo, Lower California, several American families have been murdered in cold blood by Madero's soldiers simply because one of them, Dr. Foster, dressed a wound of Simon Berthold, a rebel. For this act of humanity Madero's commander ordered his soldiers to "kill every American connected with it," which orders were sent out through Governor Vega of Lower California, and as a result several American families have been massacred at Almo, Mexico. And this is the same Madero that the Appeal to Reason, likes so well, as the "advocate for the future socialization of Mexico." What is the socialist party coming to? Another act of Madero's was to send his (insurrectionist) troops to shoot down the striking miners in Southern Mexico. Does the Appeal to Reason still like him?

In the United States Madero has had the American authorities imprison the members of the Los Angeles Junta of the Liberal party and confiscate the official paper of the Liberals, "Regeneration" (\$2.00 a year, address 519½ East Fourth street, Los Angeles, Cal.). The Junta members are now out on bail and have sworn to continue the publication of the paper if it has to be done from behind prison doors, so every red should at once subscribe for it. It is printed in both English and Spanish.

Another of the Madero government's latest acts is to demand the extradition of all our fellow workers who have fought with the Liberals in Mexico. The charge is murder and arson, which is false as all the murders that have been committed were committed by Madero's troops.

Warrants have been issued for all those who participated in the first battle of Tijuana. Captain Pryce has been arrested on one of these warrants and is now in jail in Los Angeles. Jack Mosby is also in prison with J. B. Lafin at Fort Rosecrans, near San Diego, Cal.

Fellow rebels we have got to make a great fight against this sort of work. There is a conspiracy of Madero and Taft governments to herd up all the radicals in Mexico and slaughter them. Get busy. Make a noise.